

Russian Revolution

The Russian Revolution had the effect of putting an end to the major arena of fighting on the Eastern Front in World War I. Throughout WWI, the Germans were fighting a two-front war. They were fighting against France and England in the west and against Russia in the east. This meant, of course, that they had to divide their military strength between the two fronts. When the Russians officially left the war with the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, Germany would no longer have to divide their troops. The Eastern Front no longer existed for the Germans. They could take their troops from that front and throw them into the Spring Offensive that started a few weeks later on the Western Front.

The United States worried that this influx of new troops would influence the war greatly allowing the Central Powers to defeat the Allied Powers easily.